

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A method in a network entity comprising the steps of:
receiving media content from a sending entity and addressed to at least one recipient;
accessing a database comprising recipient data describing multimedia reception capabilities and/or reception preferences for at least one recipient;
forming, in accordance with said recipient data, a notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and
outputting the notification message for transmission to said at least one addressed recipient.
2. (original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
receiving the media content in a multimedia messaging server; and
providing the at least one addressed recipient with the media content via the network entity;
wherein the network entity is a multimedia messaging relay.
3. (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein a streaming session is established in order to stream at least some of the media content to said at least one recipient.

4. (original) A method according to claim 3, wherein said establishing of a streamed session is preceded by transmitting the notification message to said at least one addressed recipient.

5. (currently amended) A method according to ~~claim 1~~claim 2, wherein the media content comprises a set of different types of components and each component can be formatted in one or more formats.

6. (currently amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein the method further comprises the following steps before said ~~outputting~~providing of the media content:

checking the format of at least one component of the received media content;
determining by using the recipient data whether the format is appropriate for said at least one addressed recipient; and
if necessary, translating the component into a format appropriate for said at least one addressed recipient.

7. (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said notification message provides a minimum amount of information necessary for said at least one addressed recipient to establish a streaming session with the said network entity.

8. (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises a radio link during communication with the addressed recipient.

9. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said sending entity is chosen from a group consisting of: a media storing entity of a first telecommunication network, a media storing entity of a second telecommunications network, a media storage in an external data transmission network, and a terminal of the first telecommunication network.

10. (original) A method according to claim 9, wherein the method further comprises transmitting the notification message to said at least one addressed recipient via a first telecommunications network and forming said notification message taking into account the properties of the first telecommunications network.

11. (original) A network entity comprising:

means for receiving a media content from a sending entity and addressed to at least one recipient;

means for accessing a database comprising recipient data describing multimedia reception capabilities and/or reception preferences for the at least one addressed recipient;

notification means for forming, in accordance with said recipient data, notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and

outputting means for outputting the notification message for transmission to said at least one addressed recipient.

12. (original) A communication system, comprising:

at least one recipient;

a network entity;

means for receiving media content from a sending entity and addressed to said at least one recipient;

means for accessing a database comprising recipient data describing multimedia reception capabilities and/or reception preferences for the at least one addressed recipient;

notification means for forming, in accordance with said recipient data, a notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and

outputting means for outputting the notification message for transmission to said at least one addressed recipient.

13. (previously presented) An apparatus comprising a storage medium with a computer program for controlling a network entity stored therein, the program when executed causing the network entity to perform:

receiving media content from a sending entity and addressed to at least one recipient;

accessing a database comprising a recipient data describing the multimedia reception capabilities and/or reception preferences for the at least one addressed recipient;

forming, in accordance with said recipient data, a notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and

outputting the notification message for transmission to said at least one addressed recipient.

14. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the media content comprises a set of different types of components and each component can be formatted in one or more formats.

15. (New) A method according to claim 10, wherein the said properties of the first telecommunications network contain at least one or more of the following: the network's multimedia capabilities, the network's traffic condition, and the availability of processing resources in that network.

16. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the receiving of the media content from a sending entity includes forwarding the same, via said network entity, to a multimedia messaging server corresponding to a communication system of said network entity.

17. (New) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of: receiving the media content in a multimedia messaging server corresponding to a communication system of said network entity; and

providing the at least one addressed recipient with the media content via the network entity, at the recipient's discretion, subsequently to a determination made of compatibility of the addressed recipient to the media content in accordance with the notification message received by the recipient,

wherein the network entity is a multimedia messaging relay.

18. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein the determination of compatibility does not require ongoing accessing of the media content by the addressed recipient.